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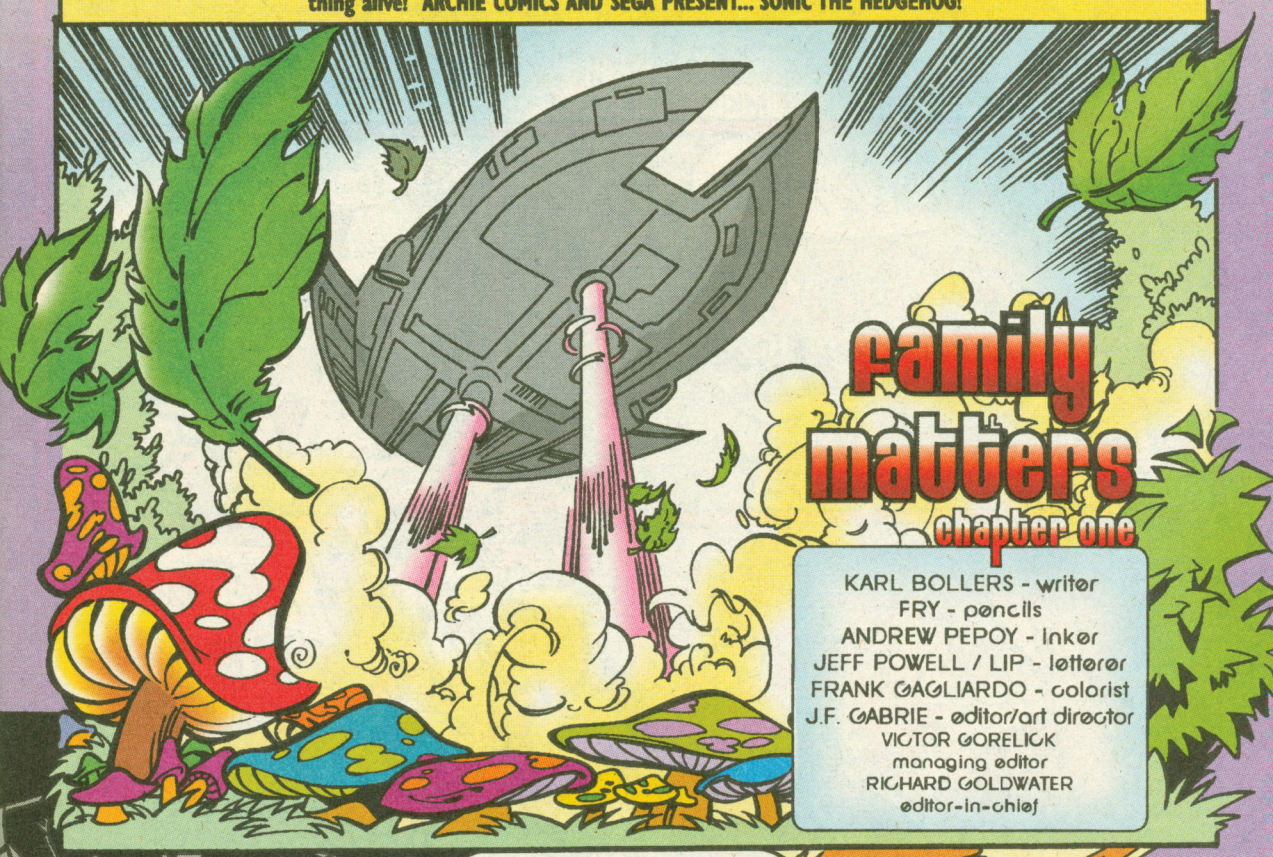

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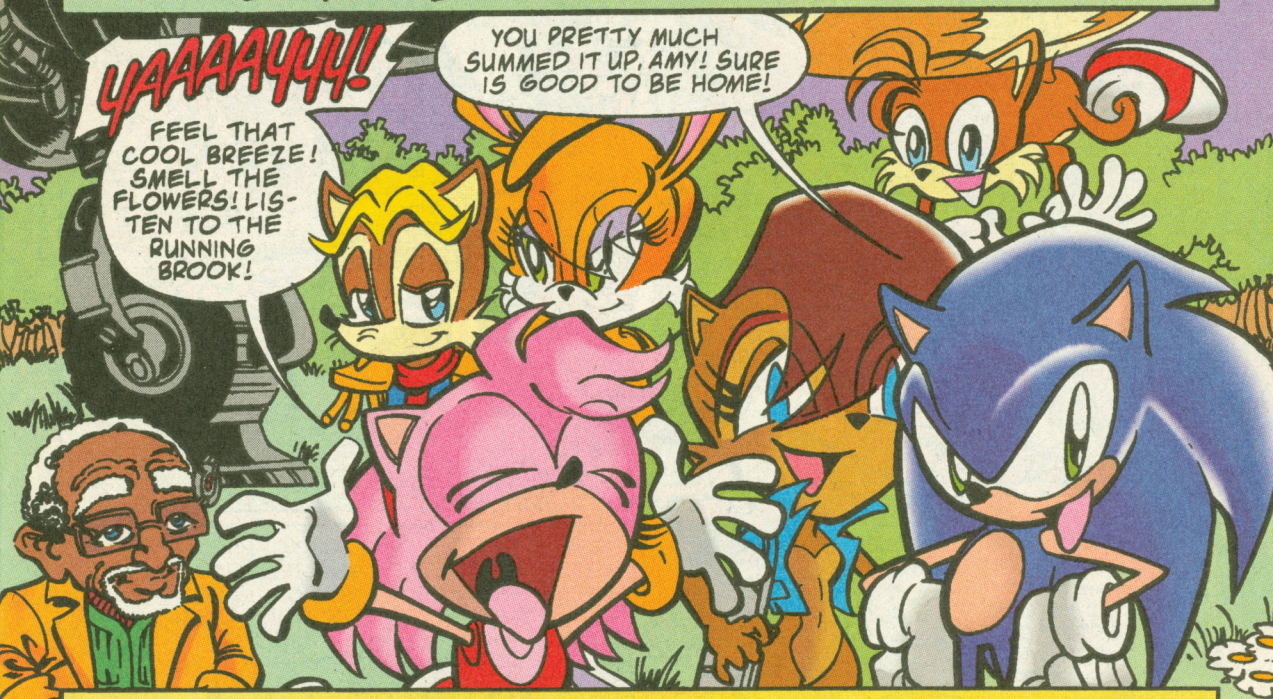
YAAAAY444!
FEEL THAT COOL BREEZE! SMELL THE FLOWERS! LISTEN TO THE RUNNING BROOK!
YOU PRETTY MUCH SUMMED IT UP, AMY! SURE IS GOOD TO BE HOME!

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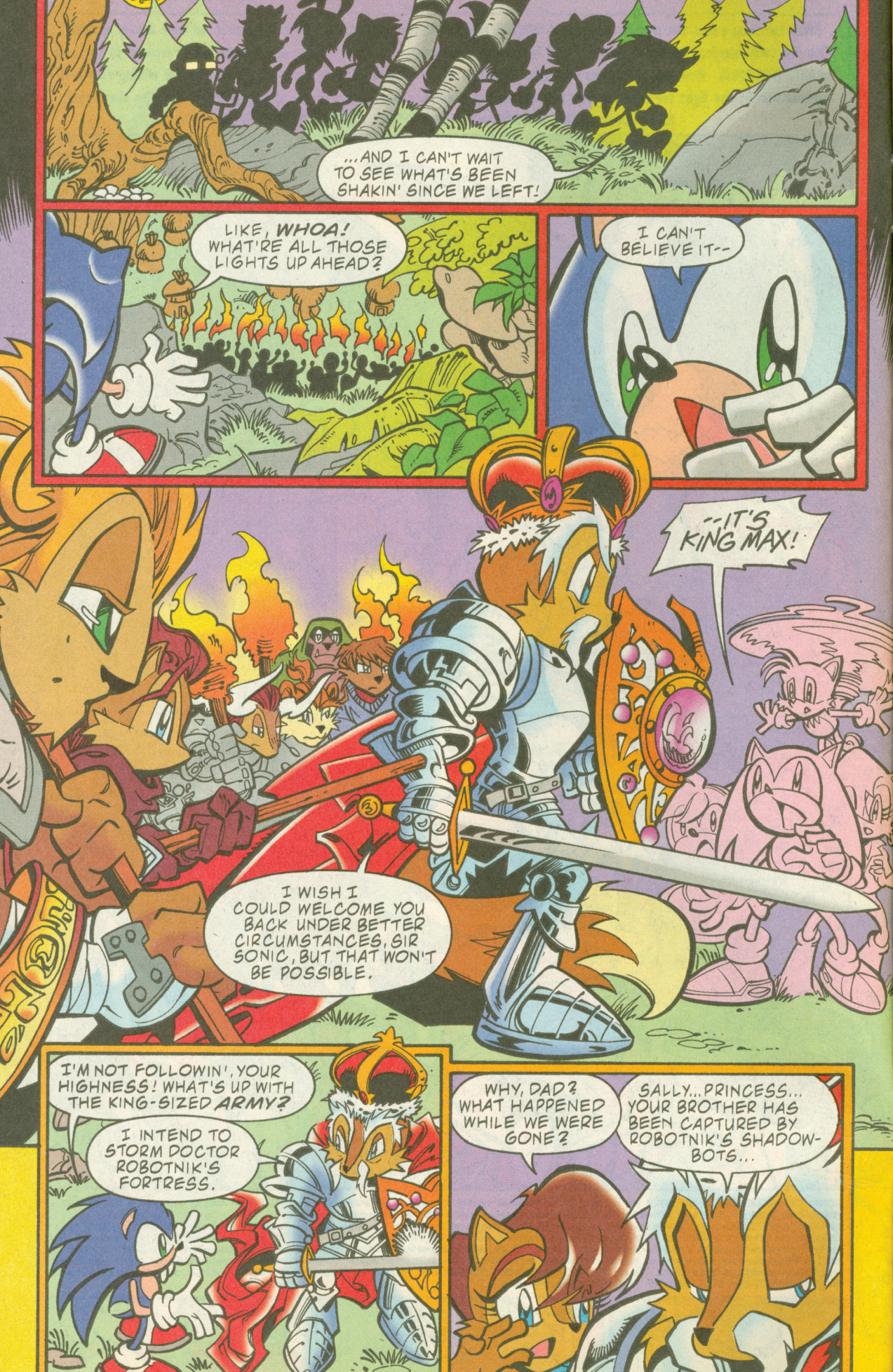
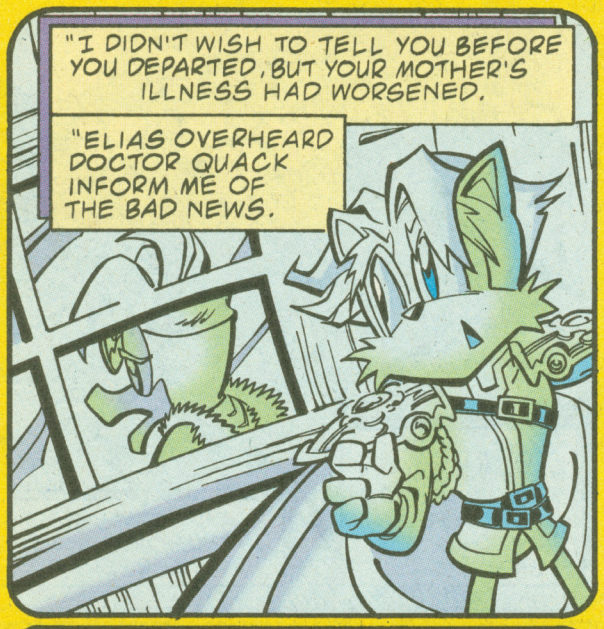
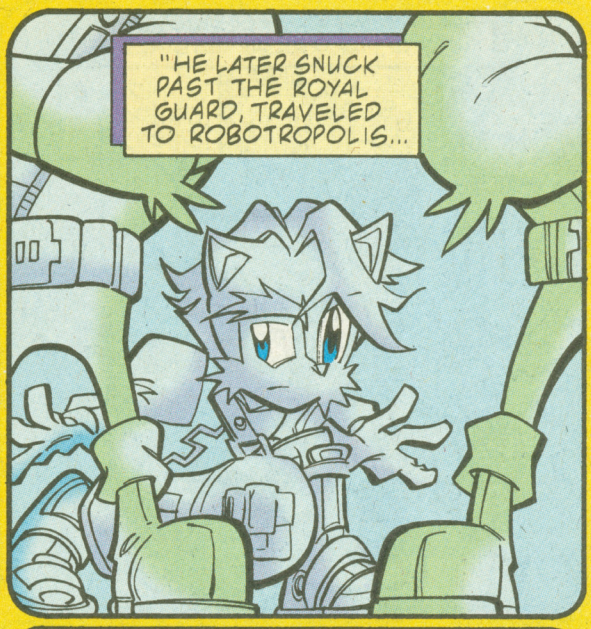
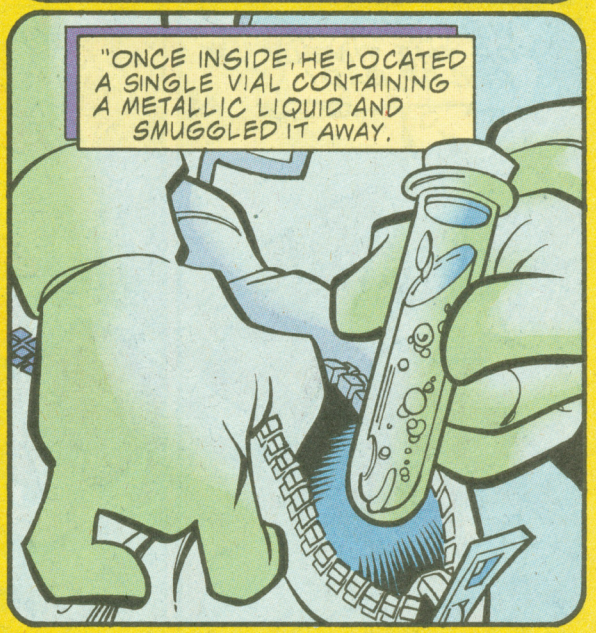
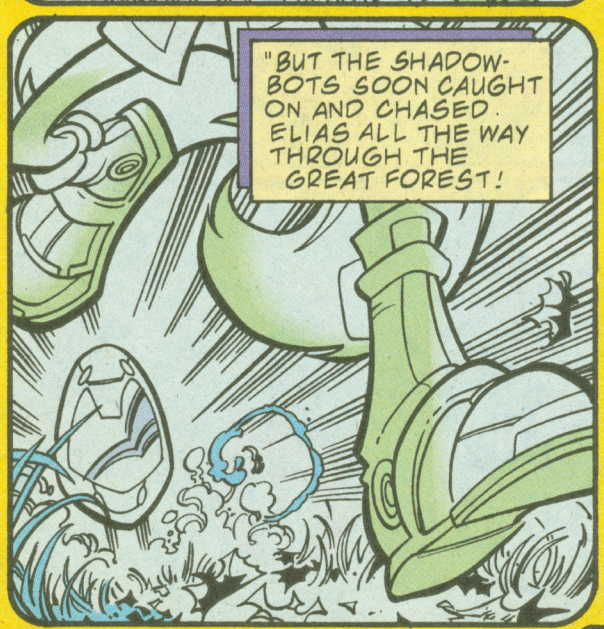

...AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT'S BEEN SHAKIN' SINCE WE LEFT!
LIKE, WHOA! WHAT'RE ALL THOSE LIGHTS UP AHEAD?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT--
--IT'S KING MAX!
I WISH I COULD WELCOME YOU BACK UNDER BETTER CIRCUMSTANCES, SIR SONIC, BUT THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE.
I'M NOT FOLLOWIN', YOUR HIGHNESS! WHAT'S UP WITH THE KING-SIZED ARMY?
I INTEND TO STORM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S FORTRESS.
WHY, DAD? WHAT HAPPENED WHILE WE WERE GONE?
SALLY... PRINCESS... YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW-BOTS...

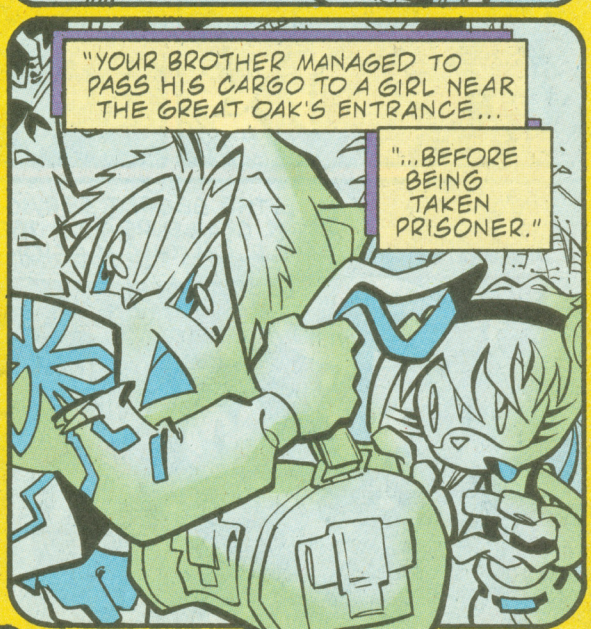

"I DIDN'T WISH TO TELL YOU BEFORE YOU DEPARTED, BUT YOUR MOTHER'S ILLNESS HAD WORSENED.
"ELIAS OVERHEARD DOCTOR QUACK INFORM ME OF THE BAD NEWS.

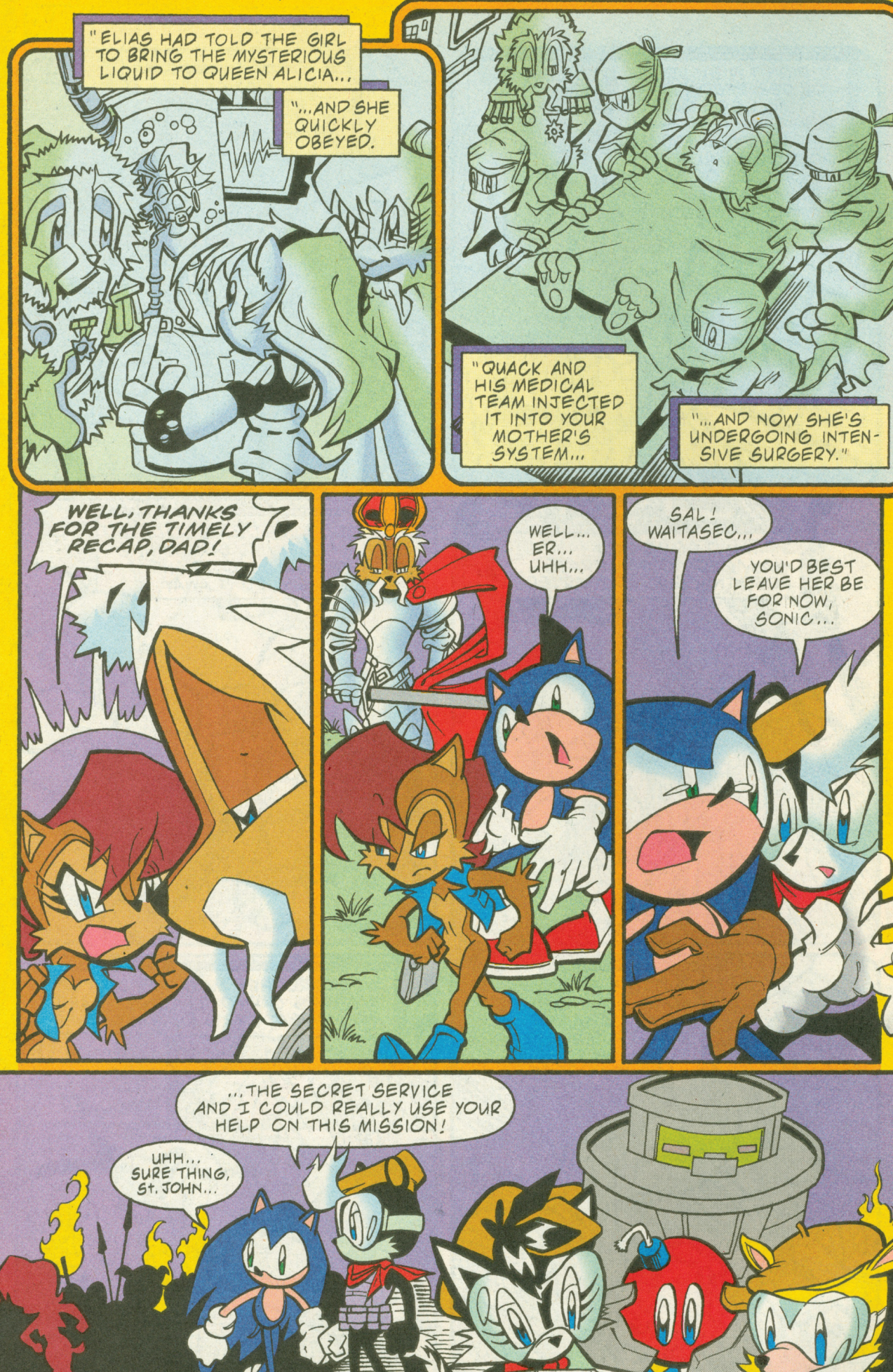

"HE LATER SNUCK PAST THE ROYAL GUARD, TRAVELED TO ROBOTROPOLIS...

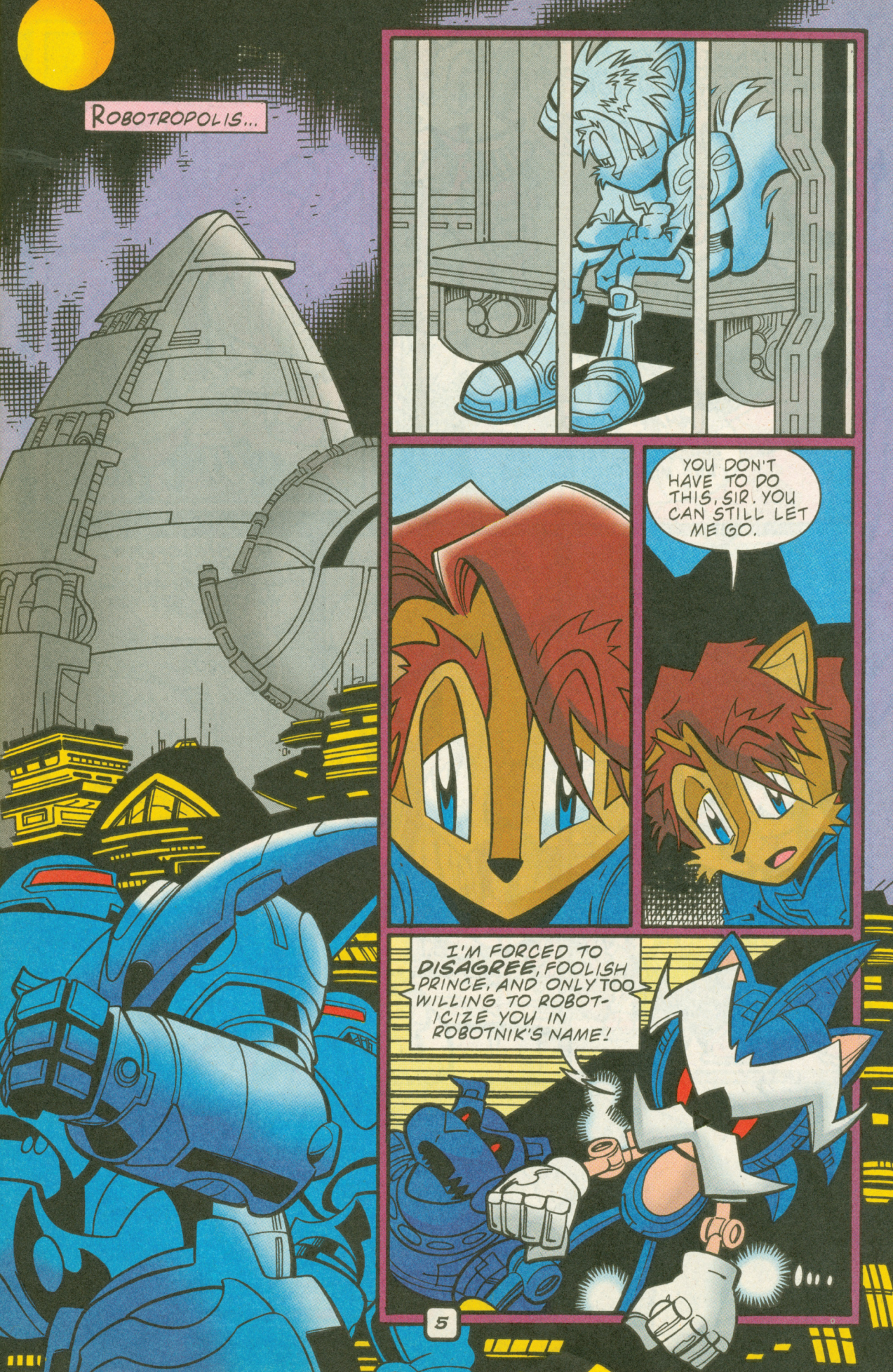
"...AND SOMEHOW MANAGED TO INFILTRATE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS.

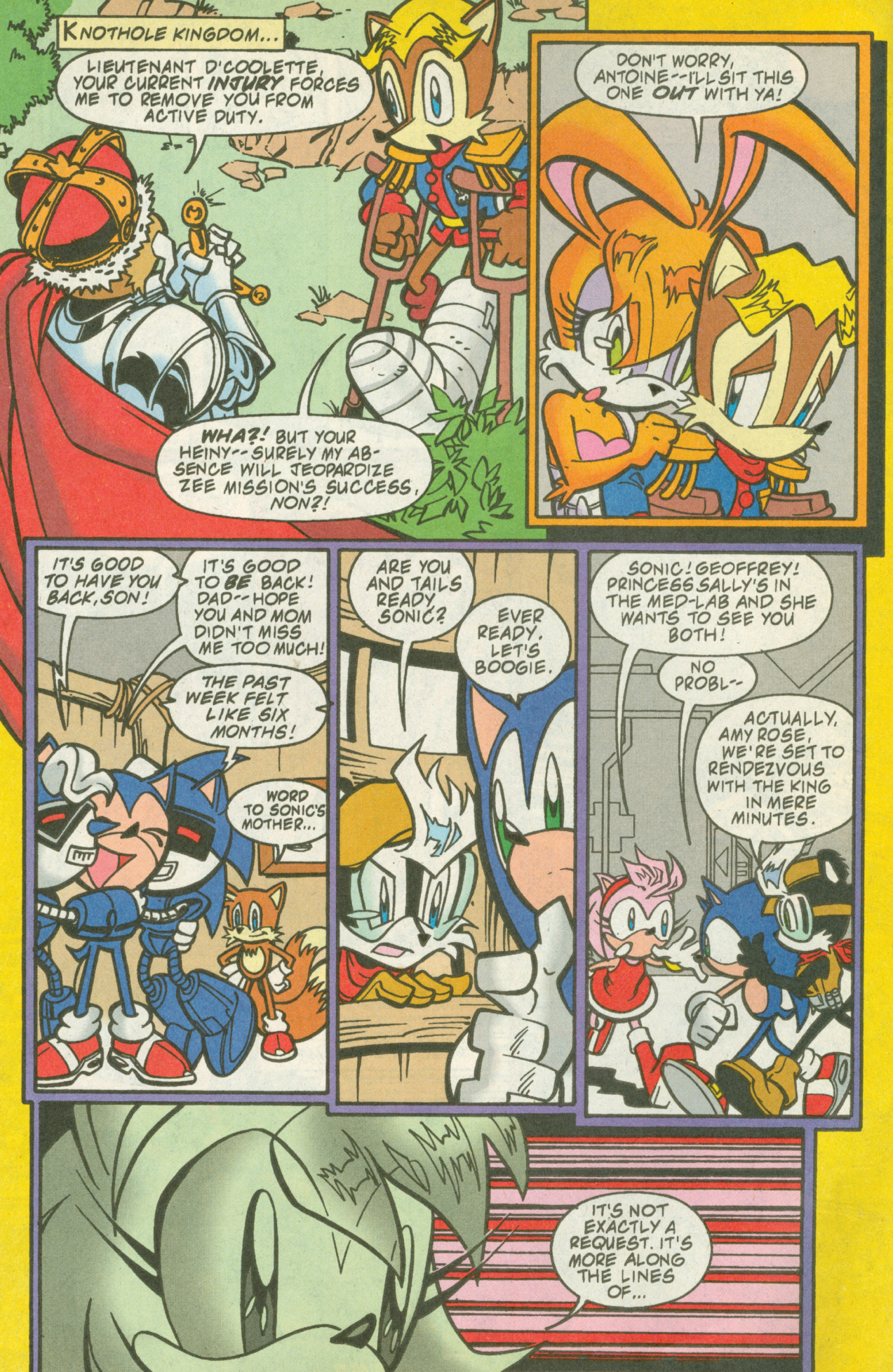

"ONCE INSIDE, HE LOCATED A SINGLE VIAL CONTAINING A METALLIC LIQUID AND SMUGGLED IT AWAY.

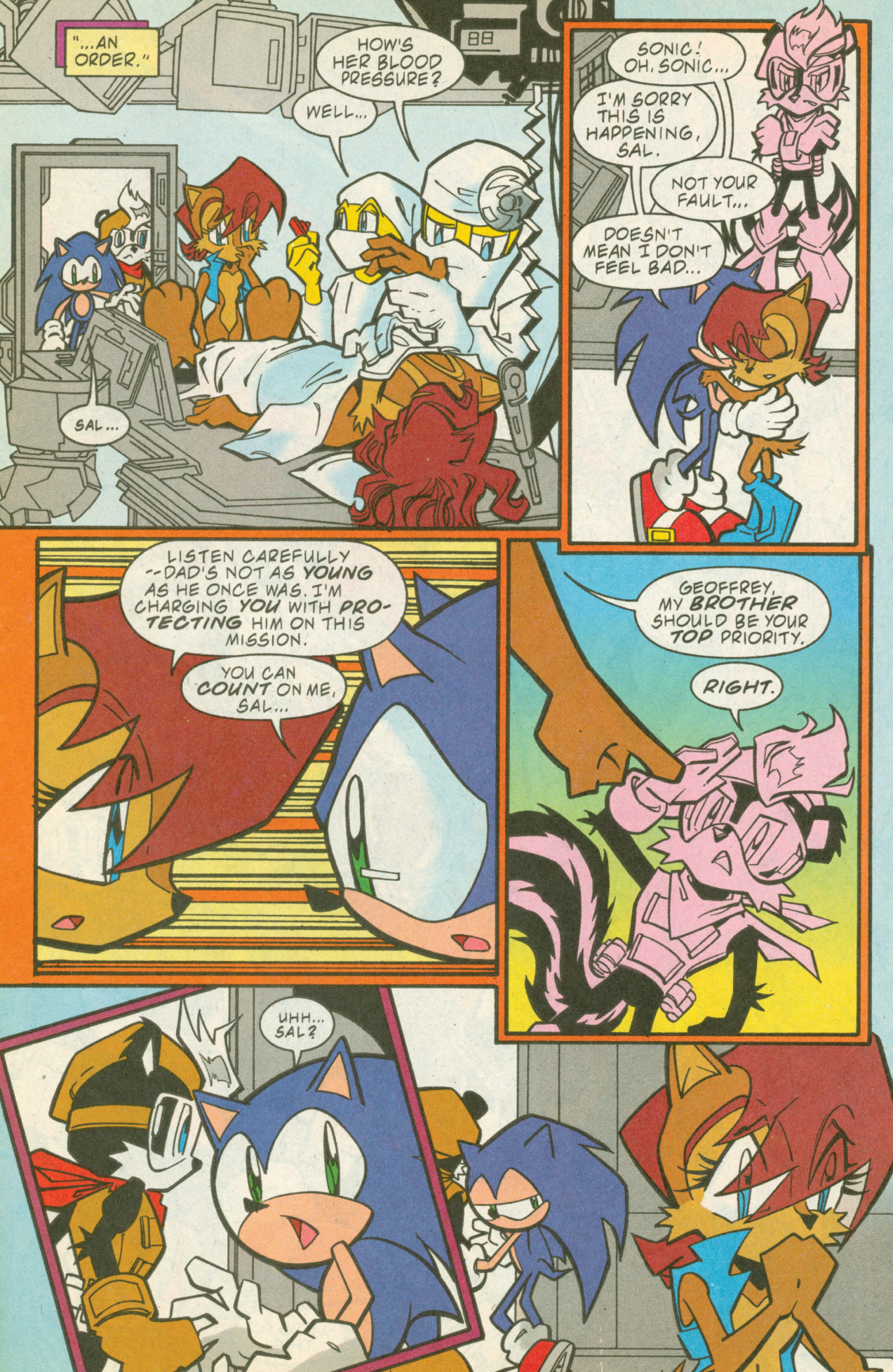

"BUT THE SHADOW-BOTS SOON CAUGHT ON AND CHASED ELIAS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE GREAT FOREST!

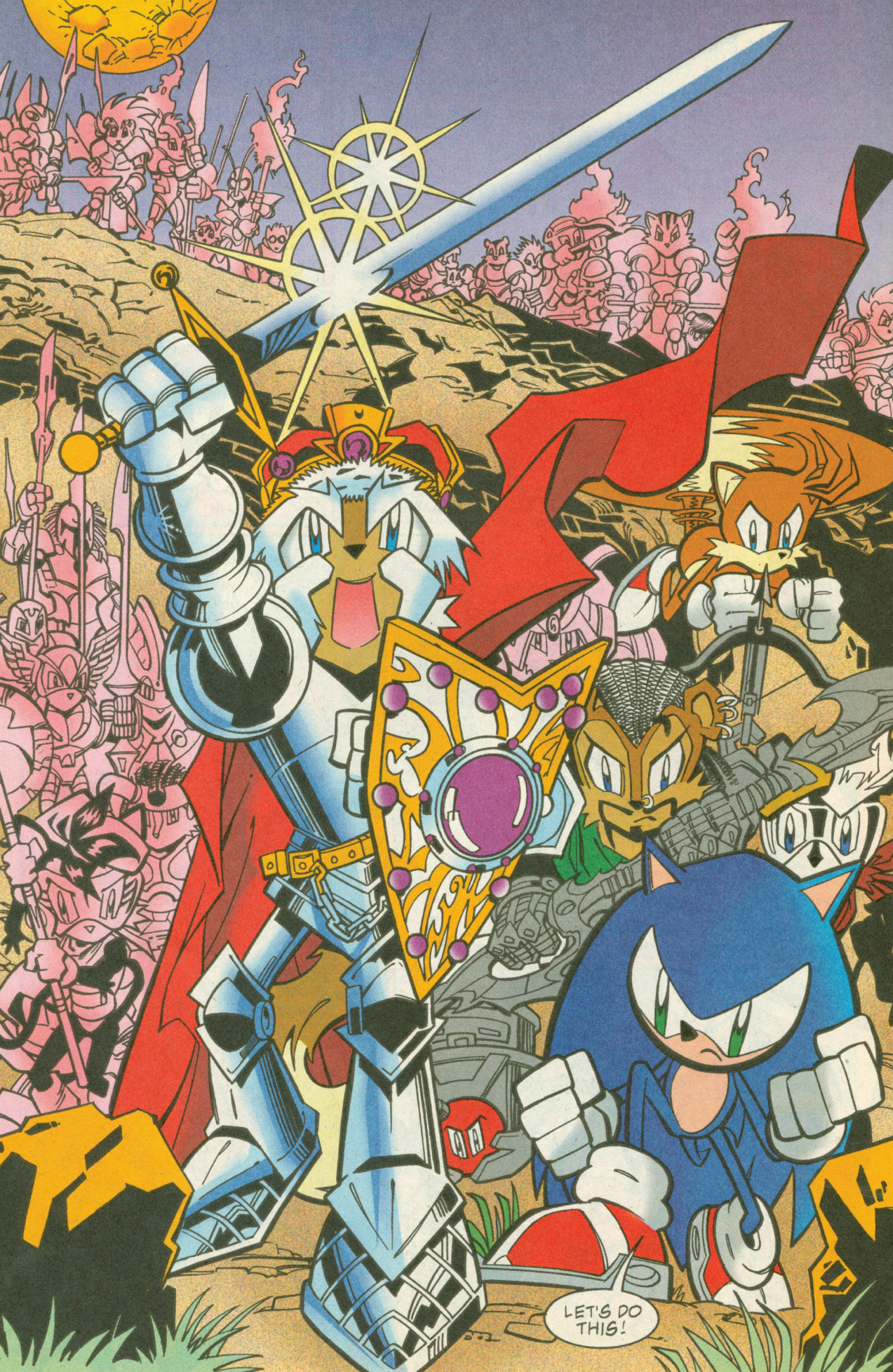

"YOUR BROTHER MANAGED TO PASS HIS CARGO TO A GIRL NEAR THE GREAT OAK'S ENTRANCE...
"...BEFORE BEING TAKEN PRISONER."

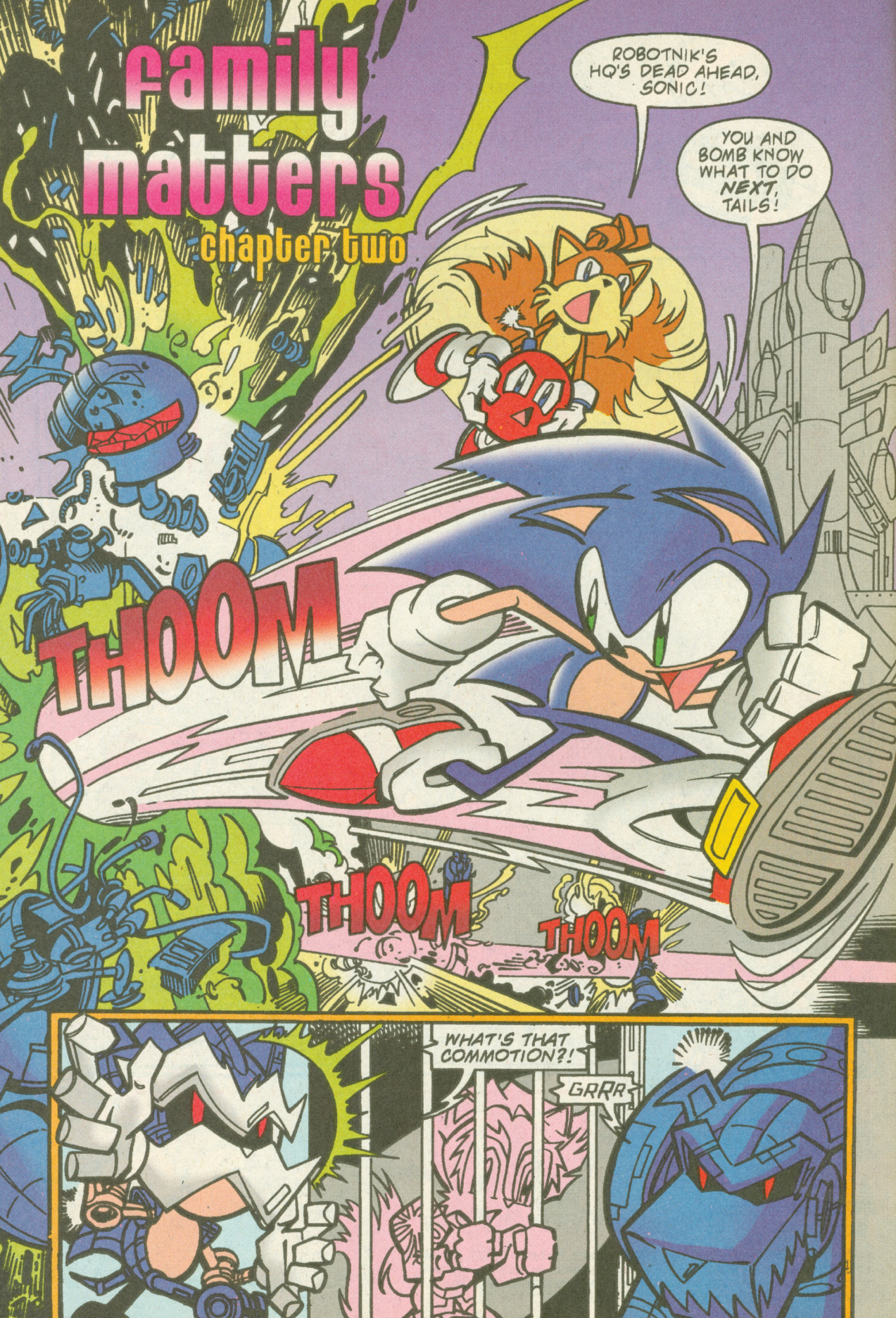

"ELIAS HAD TOLD THE GIRL TO BRING THE MYSTERIOUS LIQUID TO QUEEN ALICIA...
"...AND SHE QUICKLY OBEYED.
"QUACK AND HIS MEDICAL TEAM INJECTED IT INTO YOUR MOTHER'S SYSTEM...
"...AND NOW SHE'S UNDERGOING INTENSIVE SURGERY."
WELL, THANKS FOR THE TIMELY RECAP, DAD!
WELL... ER... UHH...
SAL! WAITASEC...
YOU'D BEST LEAVE HER BE FOR NOW, SONIC...
...THE SECRET SERVICE AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR HELP ON THIS MISSION!
UHH... SURE THING, St. JOHN...


ROBOTROPOLIS...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, SIR. YOU CAN STILL LET ME GO.
I'M FORCED TO DISAGREE, FOOLISH PRINCE, AND ONLY TOO WILLING TO ROBOT-ICIZE YOU IN ROBOTNIK'S NAME!


KNOTHOLE KINGDOM...
LIEUTENANT D'COOLETTE, YOUR CURRENT INJURY FORCES ME TO REMOVE YOU FROM ACTIVE DUTY.
WHA?! BUT YOUR HEINY--SURELY MY ABSENCE WILL JEOPARDIZE ZEE MISSION'S SUCCESS, NON?!
DON'T WORRY, ANTOINE--I'LL SIT THIS ONE OUT WITH YA!
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, SON!
IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK! DAD--HOPE YOU AND MOM DIDN'T MISS ME TOO MUCH!
THE PAST WEEK FELT LIKE SIX MONTHS!
WORD TO SONIC'S MOTHER...
ARE YOU AND TAILS READY SONIC?
EVER READY. LET'S BOOGIE.
SONIC! GEOFFREY! PRINCESS SALLY'S IN THE MED-LAB AND SHE WANTS TO SEE YOU BOTH!
NO PROBL--
ACTUALLY, AMY ROSE, WE'RE SET TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE KING IN MERE MINUTES.
IT'S NOT EXACTLY A REQUEST. IT'S MORE ALONG THE LINES OF...


"...AN ORDER."
HOW'S HER BLOOD PRESSURE?
WELL...
SAL...
SONIC! OH, SONIC...
I'M SORRY THIS IS HAPPENING, SAL.
NOT YOUR FAULT...
DOESN'T MEAN I DON'T FEEL BAD...
LISTEN CAREFULLY --DAD'S NOT AS YOUNG AS HE ONCE WAS. I'M CHARGING YOU WITH PROTECTING HIM ON THIS MISSION.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, SAL...
GEOFFREY, MY BROTHER SHOULD BE YOUR TOP PRIORITY.
RIGHT.
UHH... SAL?


LET'S DO THIS!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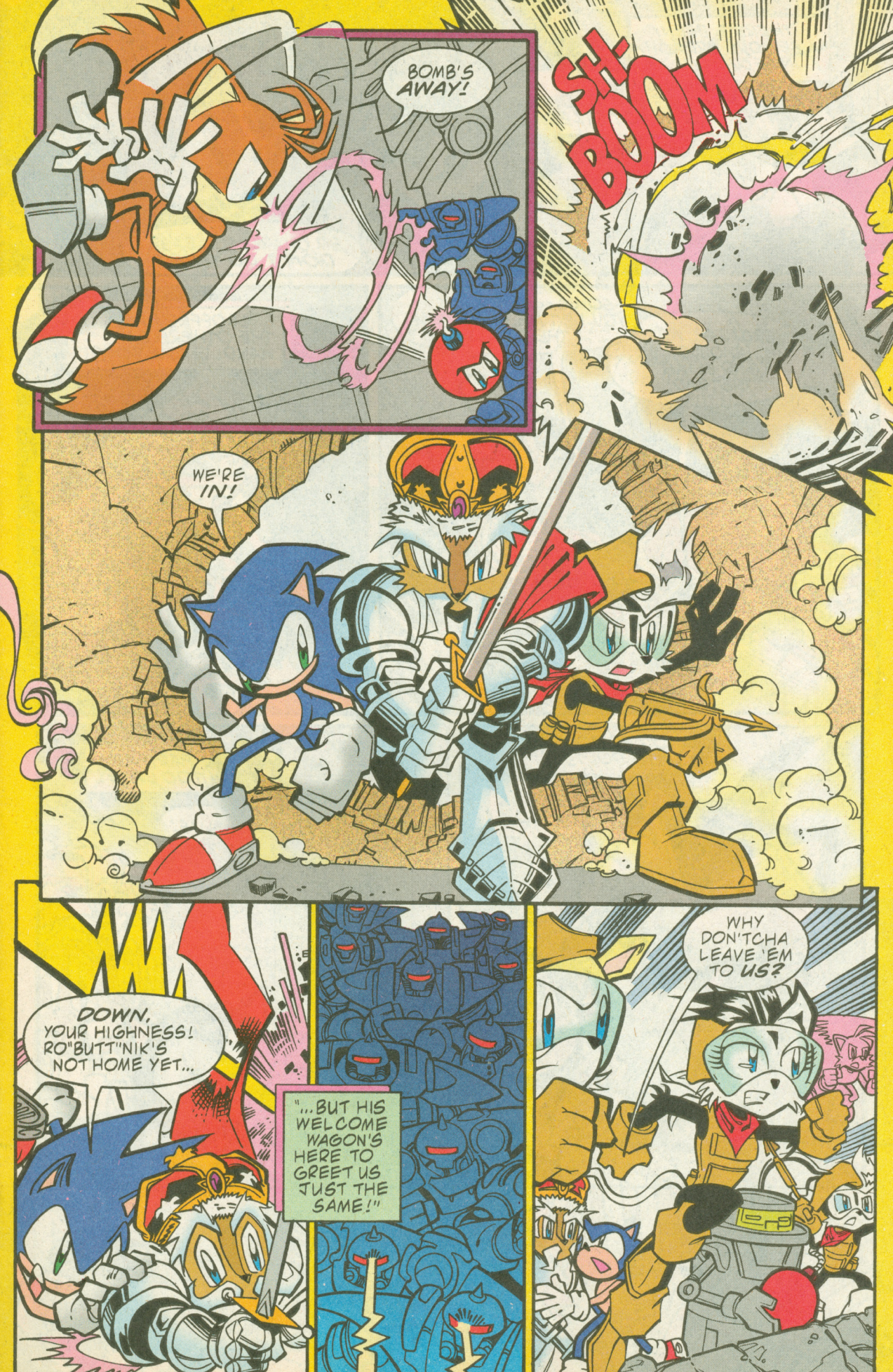
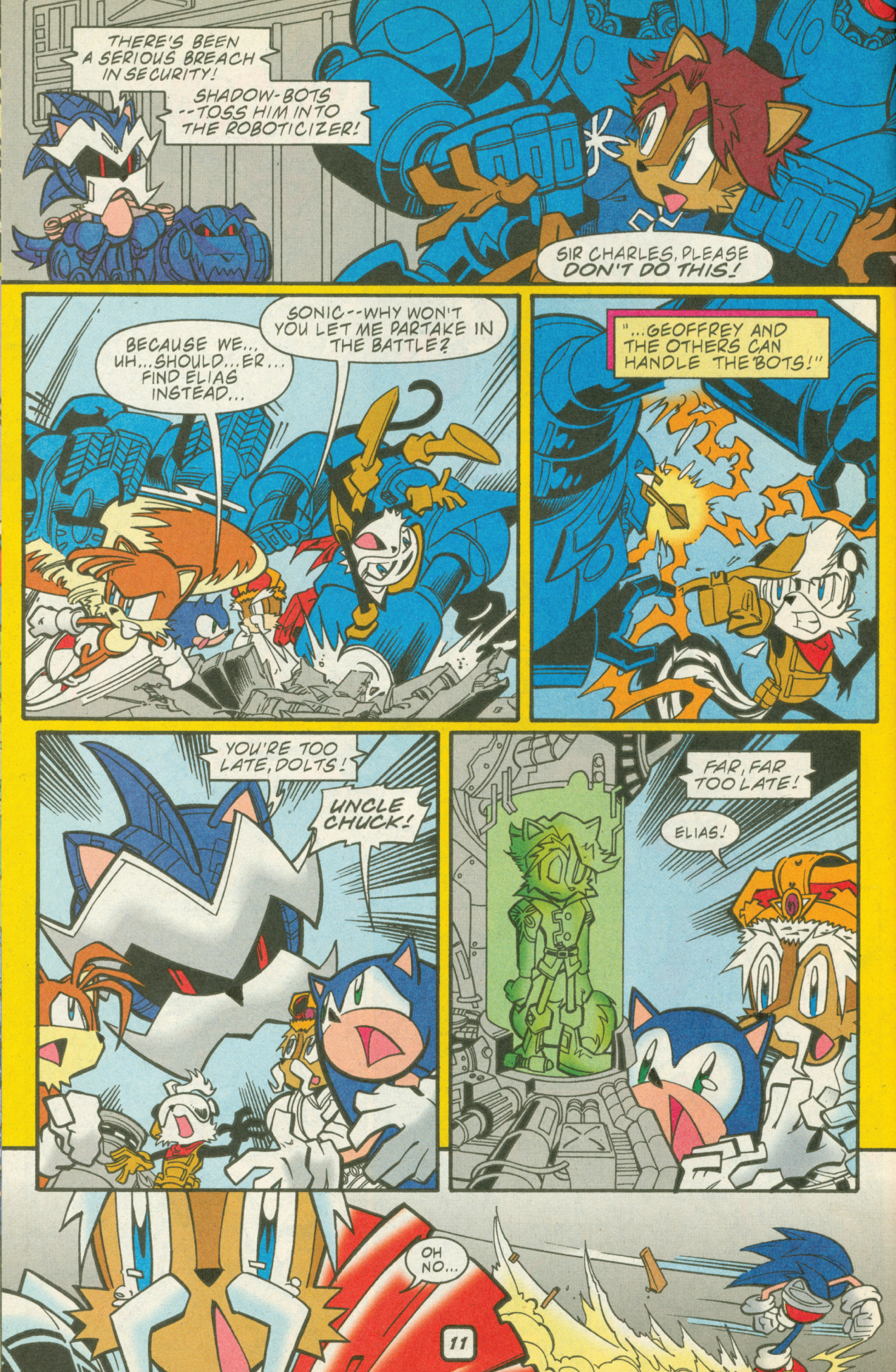
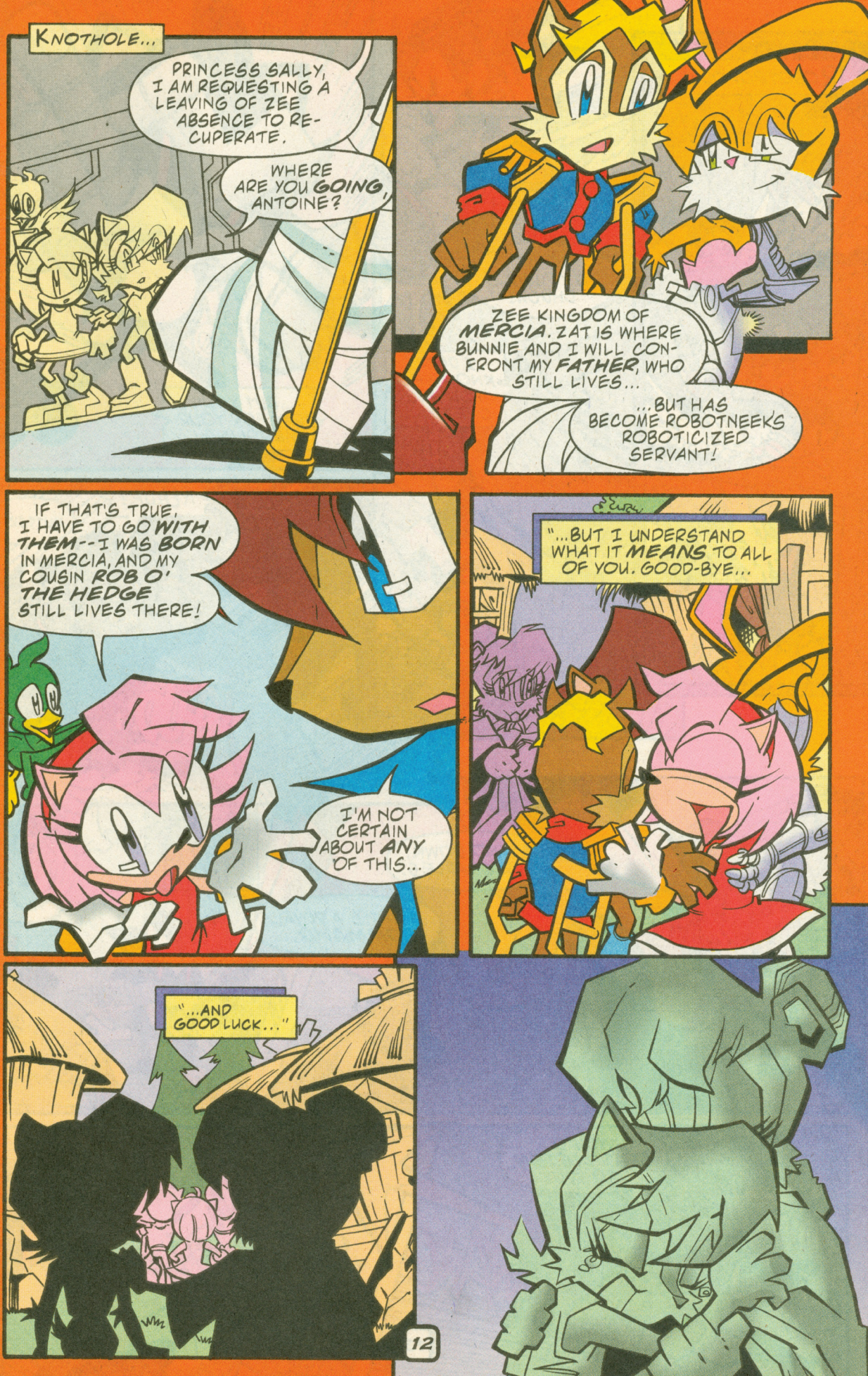
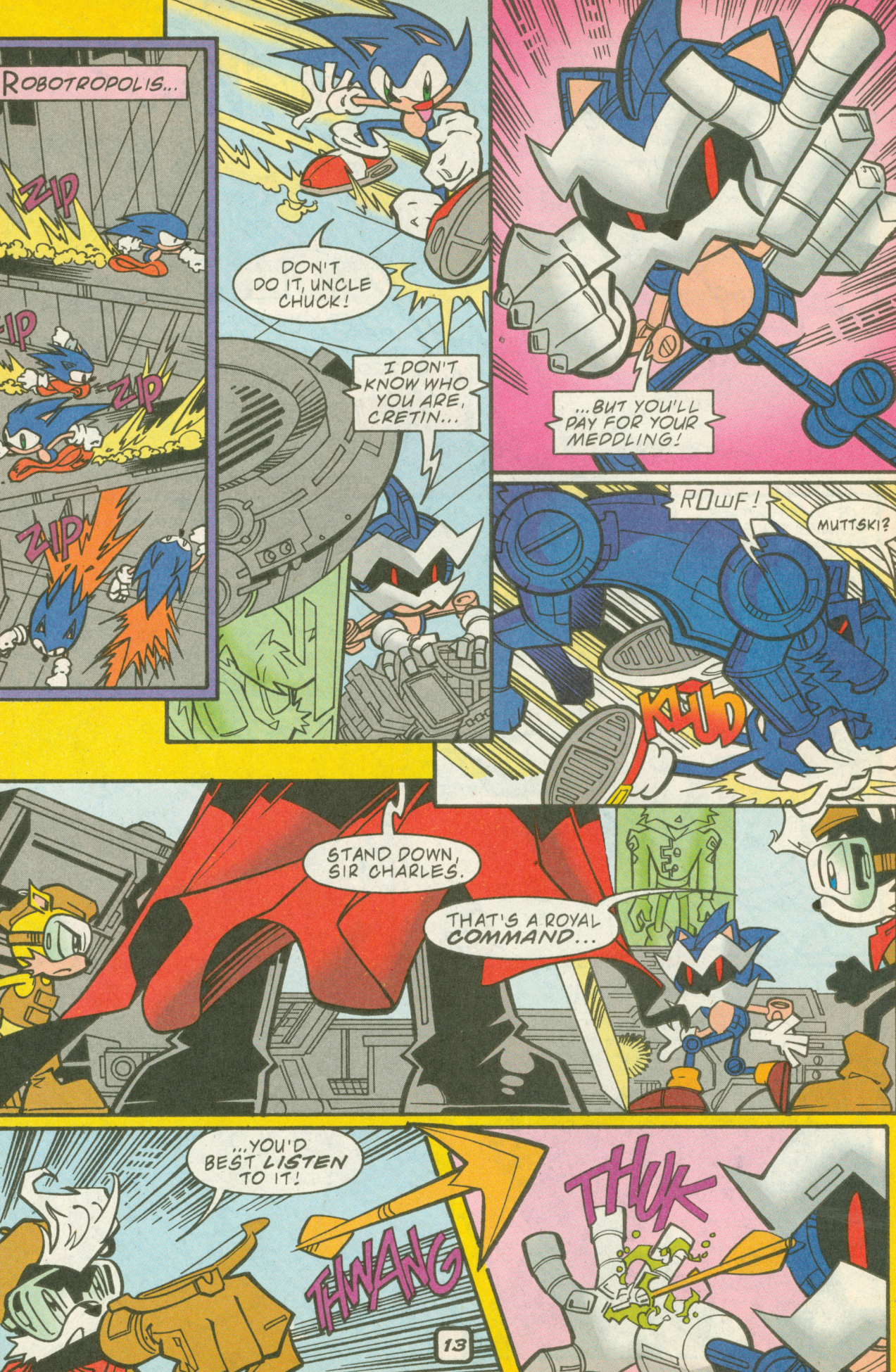
ROBOTNIK'S HQ'S DEAD AHEAD, SONIC!
YOU AND BOMB KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT, TAILS!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
WHAT'S THAT COMMOTION?!
GRRR

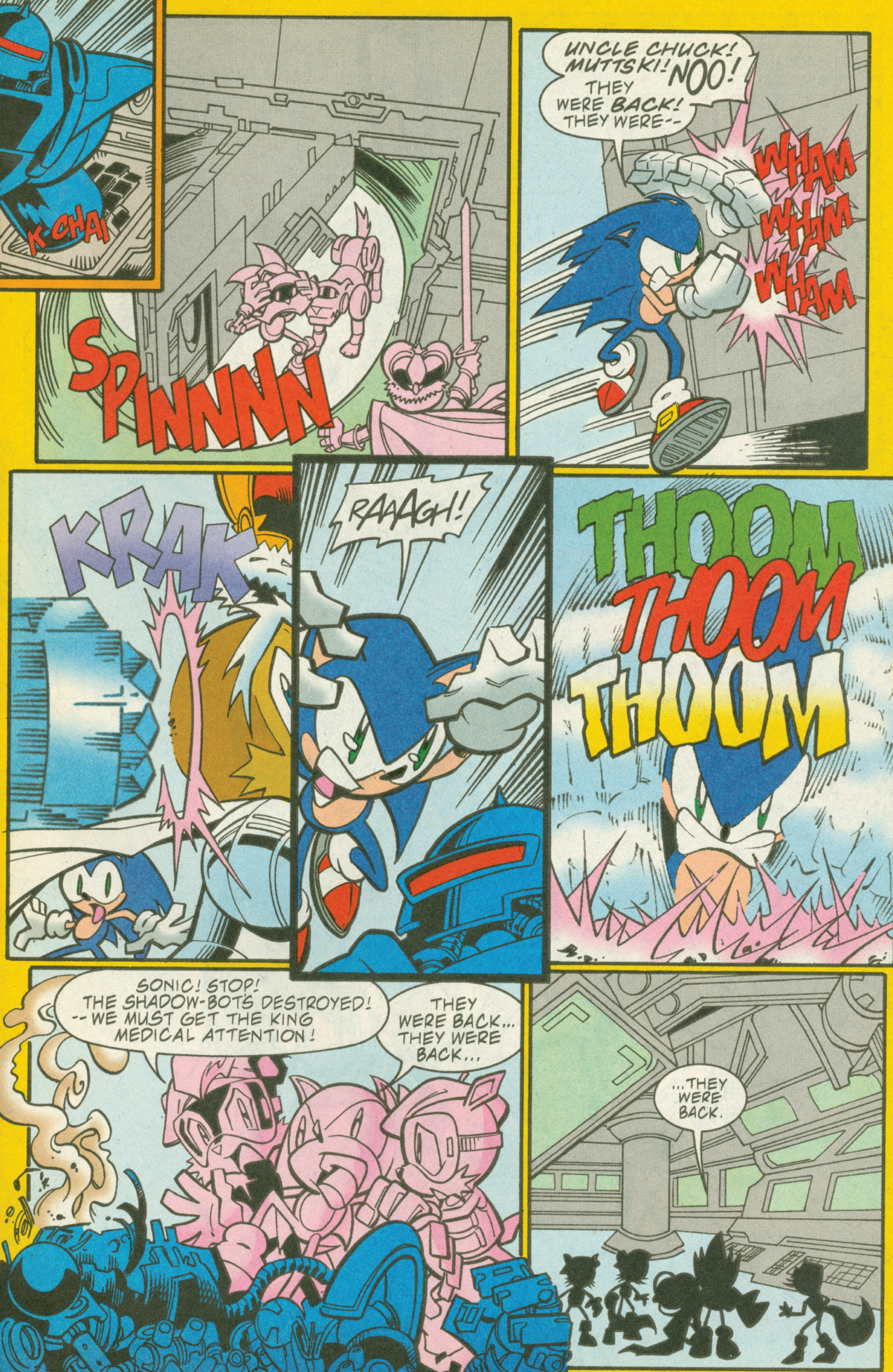

BOMB'S AWAY!
SH-BOOM
WE'RE IN!
DOWN, YOUR HIGHNESS! RO"BUTT"NIK'S NOT HOME YET...
"...BUT HIS WELCOME WAGON'S HERE TO GREET US JUST THE SAME!"
WHY DON'TCHA LEAVE 'EM TO US?

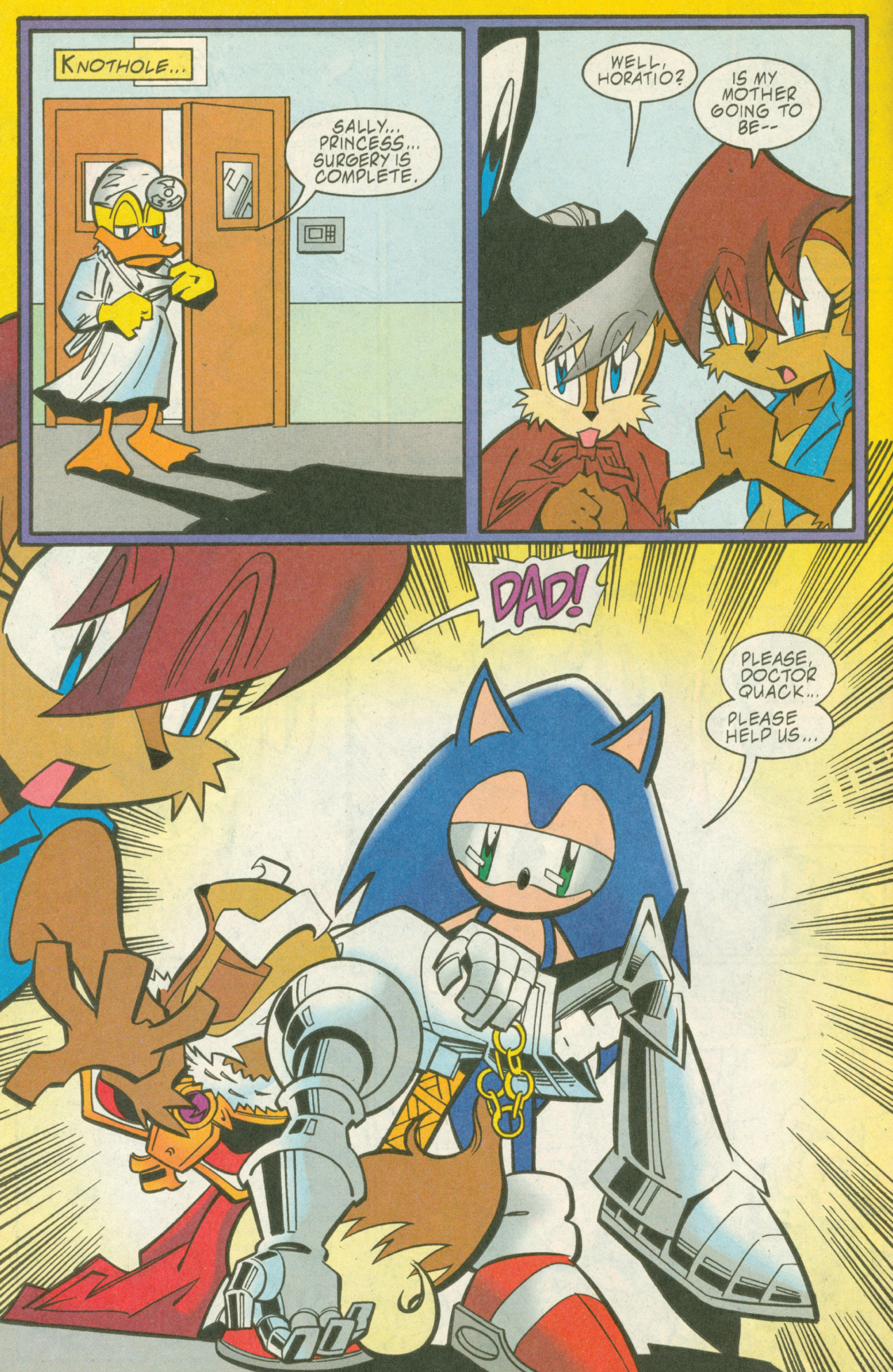

THERE'S BEEN A SERIOUS BREACH IN SECURITY!
SHADOW-BOTS --TOSS HIM INTO THE ROBOTICIZER!
SIR CHARLES, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!
SONIC--WHY WON'T YOU LET ME PARTAKE IN THE BATTLE?
BECAUSE WE... UH...SHOULD...ER... FIND ELIAS INSTEAD...
"...GEOFFREY AND THE OTHERS CAN HANDLE THE 'BOTS!"
YOU'RE TOO LATE, DOLTS!
UNCLE CHUCK!
FAR, FAR TOO LATE!
ELIAS!
OH NO...

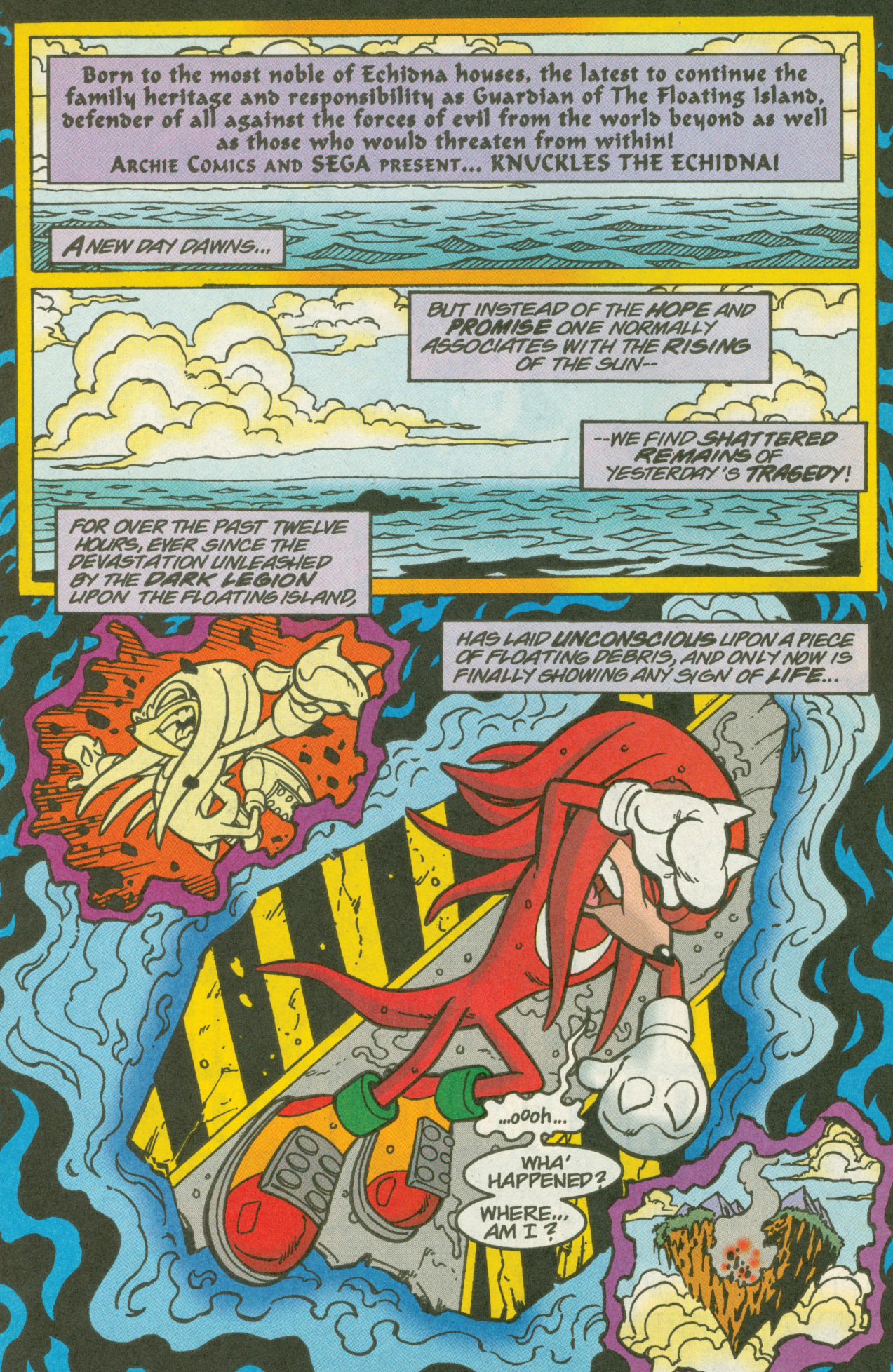

KNOTHOLE...
PRINCESS SALLY, I AM REQUESTING A LEAVING OF ZEE ABSENCE TO RE-CUPERATE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ANTOINE?
ZEE KINGDOM OF MERCIA. ZAT IS WHERE BUNNIE AND I WILL CONFRONT MY FATHER, WHO STILL LIVES...
...BUT HAS BECOME ROBOTNEEK'S ROBOTICIZED SERVANT!
IF THAT'S TRUE, I HAVE TO GO WITH THEM--I WAS BORN IN MERCIA, AND MY COUSIN ROB O' THE HEDGE STILL LIVES THERE!
I'M NOT CERTAIN ABOUT ANY OF THIS...
"...BUT I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO ALL OF YOU. GOOD-BYE...
"...AND GOOD LUCK..."

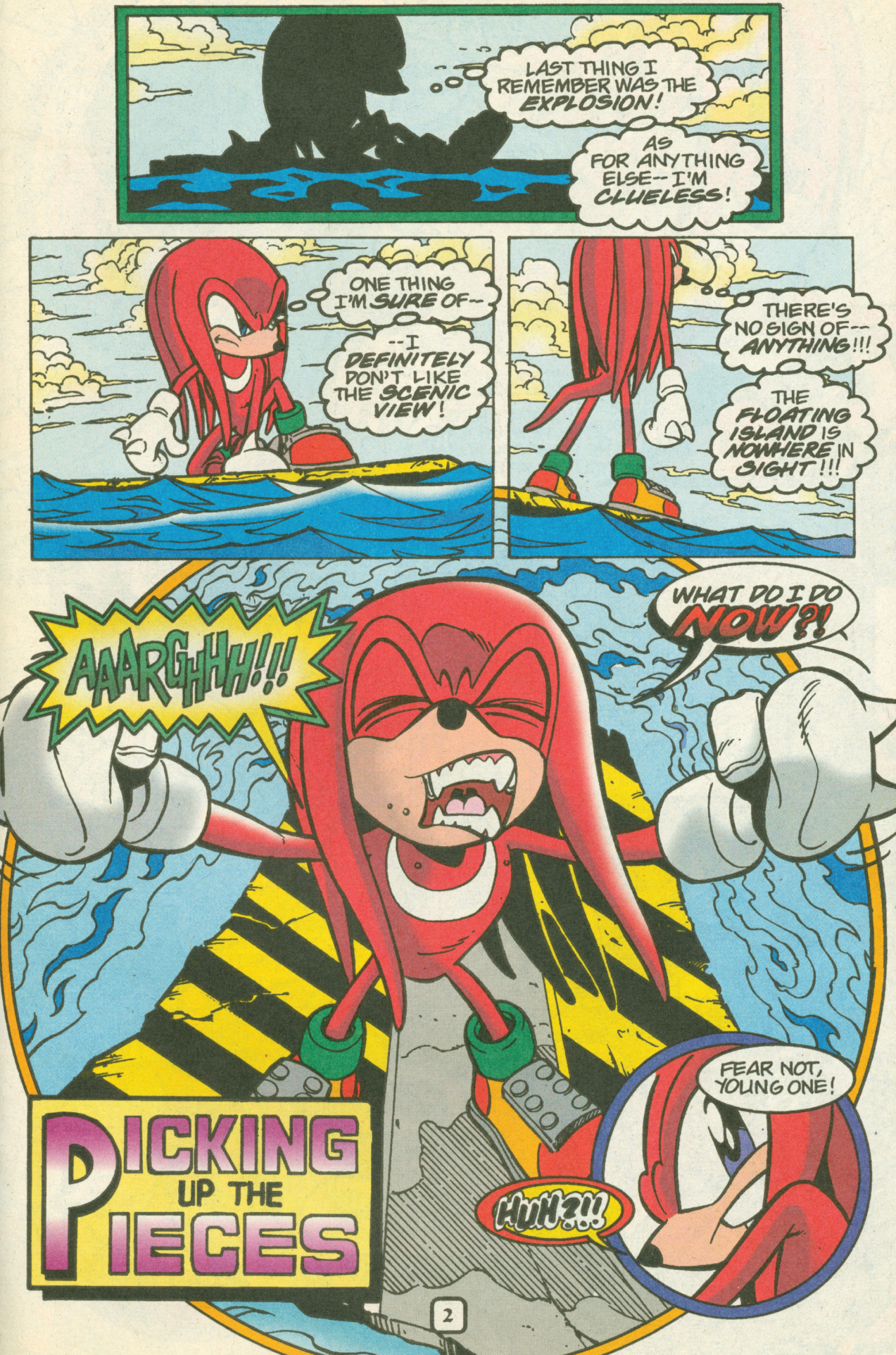

ROBOTROPOLIS...
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
DON'T DO IT, UNCLE CHUCK!
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, CRETIN...
...BUT YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR MEDDLING!
ROWF!
MUTTSKI?
KLUD
STAND DOWN, SIR CHARLES.
THAT'S A ROYAL COMMAND...
...YOU'D BEST LISTEN TO IT!
THWANG
THUK
13

SHLIK!
DON'T STAND THERE GAWKING--
--GET THE PRINCE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT--MY UNCLE AND DOG HAVE TURNED AS DANGEROUS AS ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!
GOING SOMEWHERE, CHARLES?
MY NAME IS NOT--
HUH? SIRE? WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED?
ROWF?


K-CHA!
SPINNNN
UNCLE CHUCK! MUTTSKI! NOO! THEY WERE BACK! THEY WERE--
WHAM WHAM WHAM
KRAK
RAAGH!
THOOM THOOM THOOM
SONIC! STOP! THE SHADOW-BOTS DESTROYED! -- WE MUST GET THE KING MEDICAL ATTENTION!
THEY WERE BACK... THEY WERE BACK...
...THEY WERE BACK.


KNOTHOLE...
SALLY... PRINCESS... SURGERY IS COMPLETE.
WELL, HORATIO?
IS MY MOTHER GOING TO BE--
DAD!
PLEASE, DOCTOR QUACK...
PLEASE HELP US...


Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
A NEW DAY DAWNS...
BUT INSTEAD OF THE HOPE AND PROMISE ONE NORMALLY ASSOCIATES WITH THE RISING OF THE SUN--
--WE FIND SHATTERED REMAINS OF YESTERDAY'S TRAGEDY!
FOR OVER THE PAST TWELVE HOURS, EVER SINCE THE DEVASTATION UNLEASHED BY THE DARK LEGION UPON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
HAS LAID UNCONSCIOUS UPON A PIECE OF FLOATING DEBRIS, AND ONLY NOW IS FINALLY SHOWING ANY SIGN OF LIFE...
...oooh...
WHA' HAPPENED?
WHERE... AM I?


LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS THE EXPLOSION!
AS FOR ANYTHING ELSE--I'M CLUELESS!
ONE THING I'M SURE OF--
--I DEFINITELY DON'T LIKE THE SCENIC VIEW!
THERE'S NO SIGN OF--ANYTHING!!!
THE FLOATING ISLAND IS NOWHERE IN SIGHT!!!
AAARGHHH!!!
WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
PICKING UP THE PIECES
FEAR NOT, YOUNG ONE!
HUH?!!
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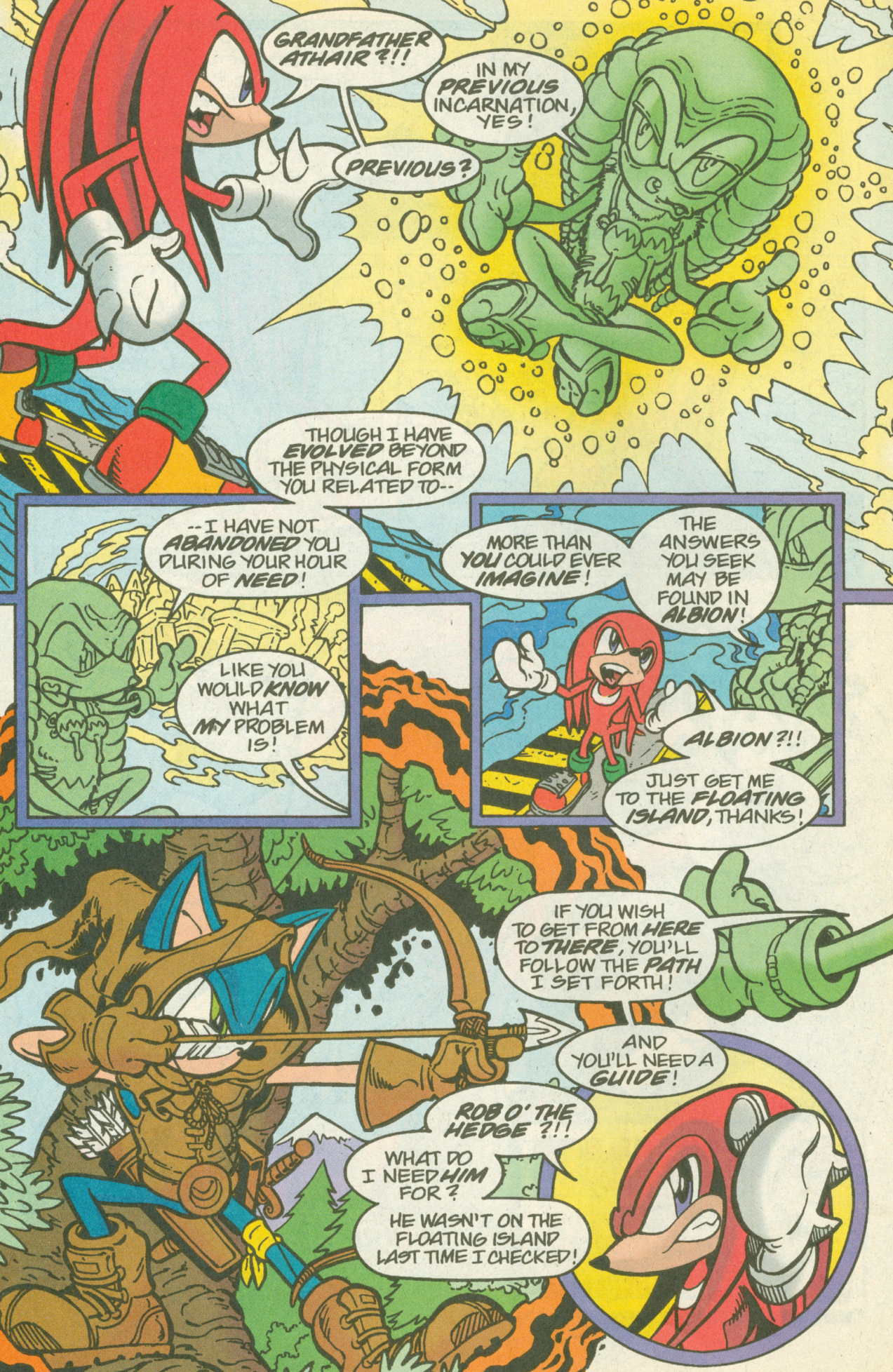
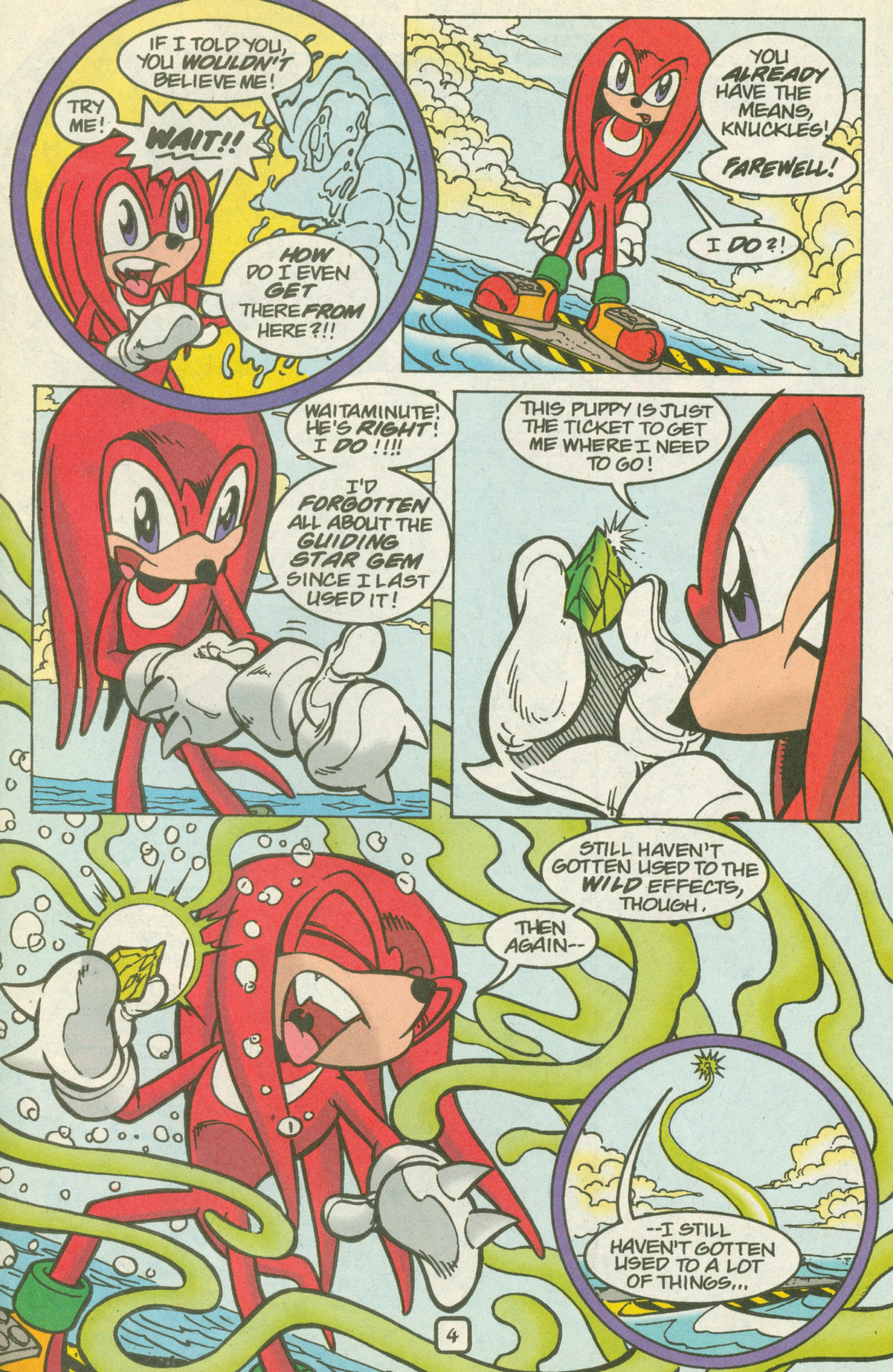
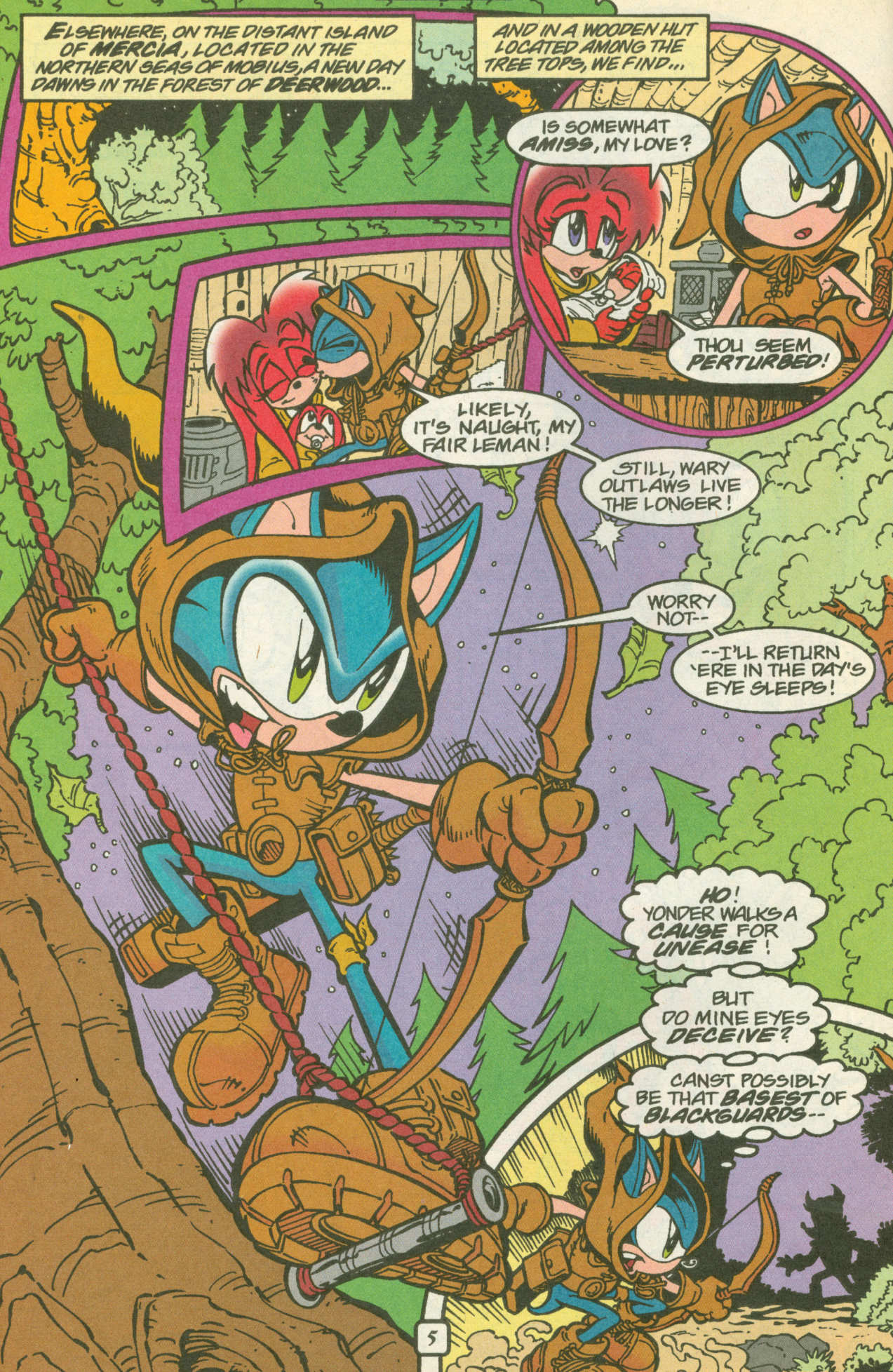
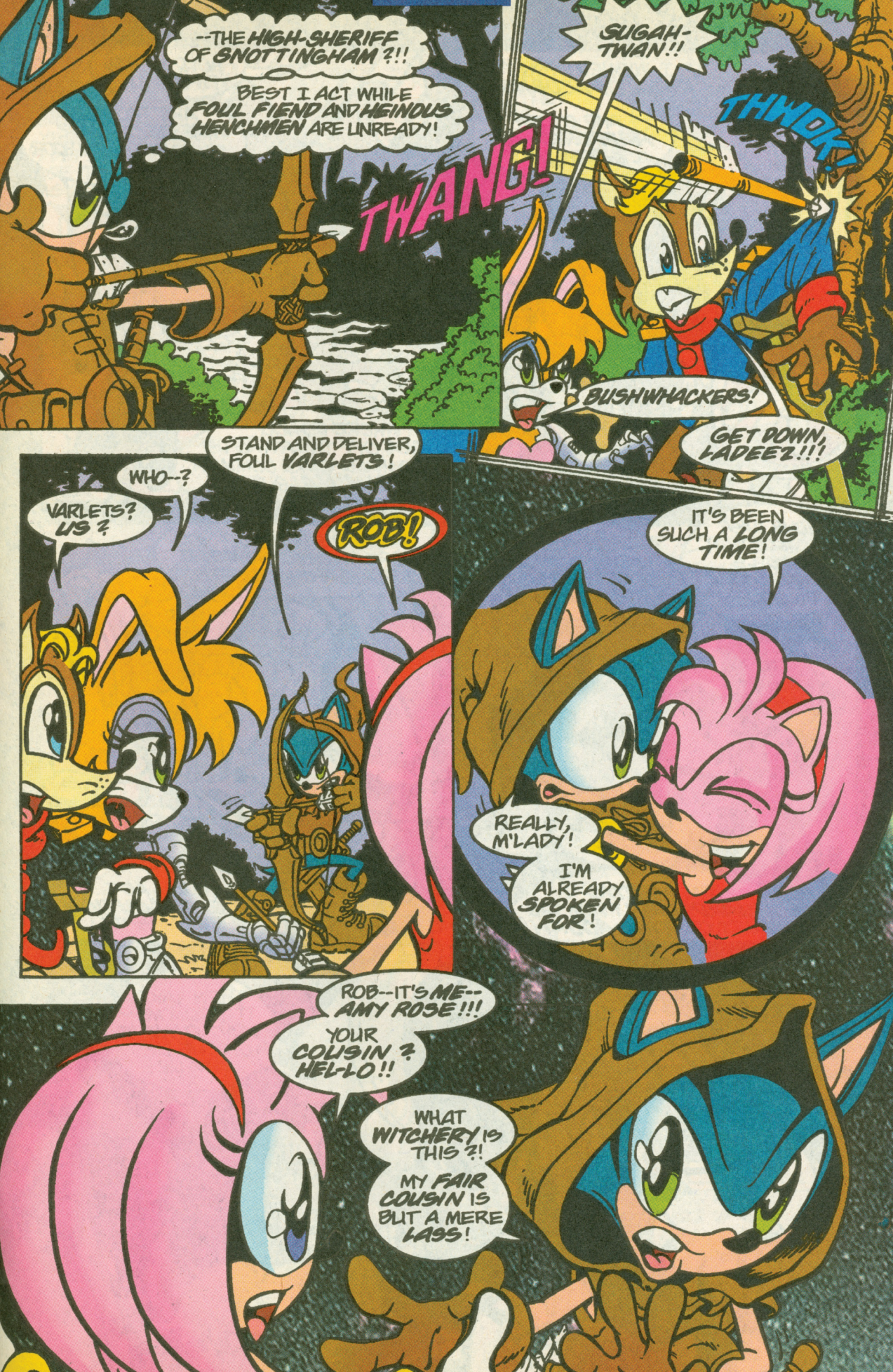
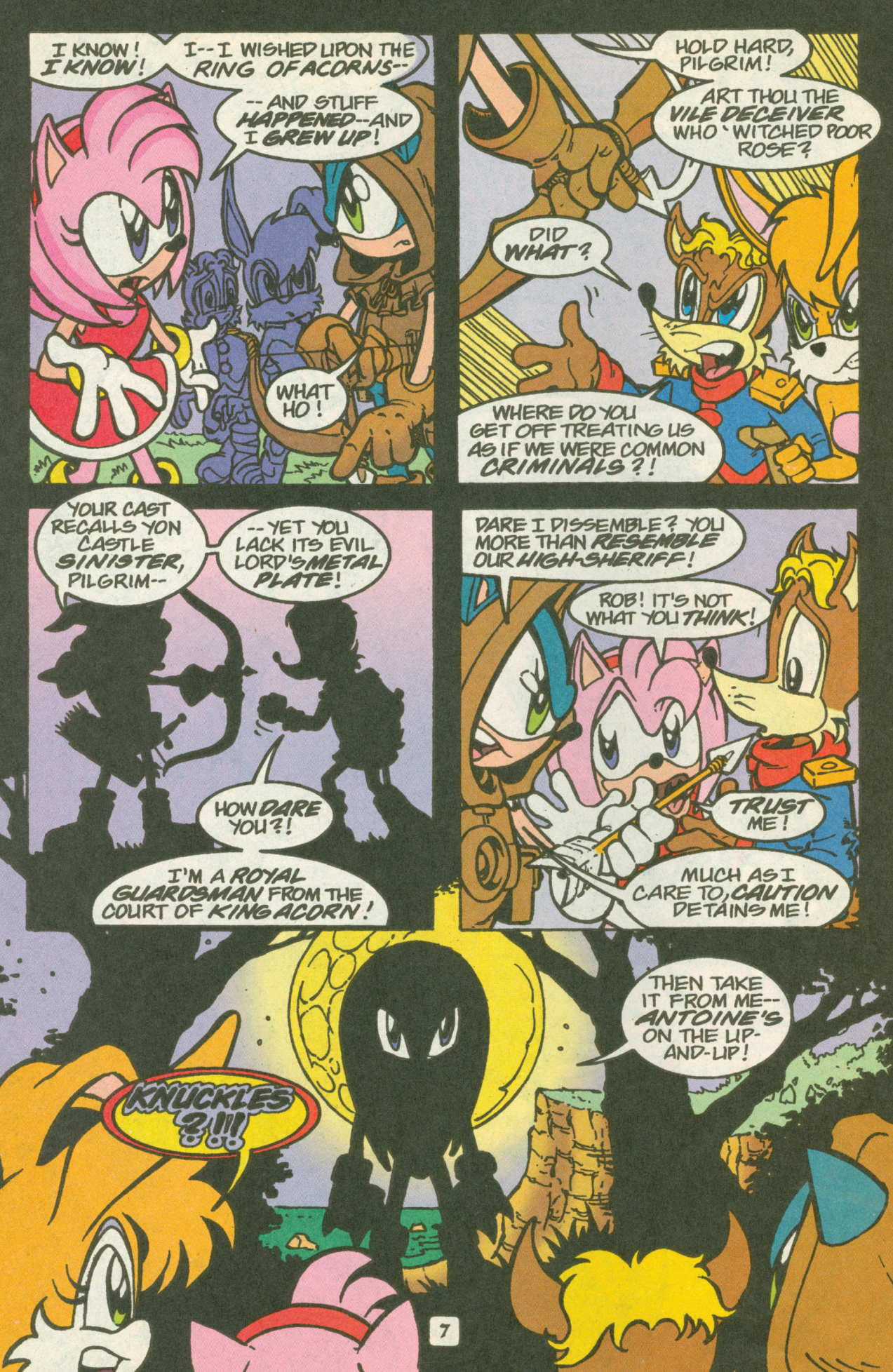

GRANDFATHER ATHAIR?!!
IN MY PREVIOUS INCARNATION, YES!
PREVIOUS?
THOUGH I HAVE EVOLVED BEYOND THE PHYSICAL FORM YOU RELATED TO--
--I HAVE NOT ABANDONED YOU DURING YOUR HOUR OF NEED!
LIKE YOU WOULD KNOW WHAT MY PROBLEM IS!
MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER IMAGINE!
THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK MAY BE FOUND IN ALBION!
ALBION?!!
JUST GET ME TO THE FLOATING ISLAND, THANKS!
IF YOU WISH TO GET FROM HERE TO THERE, YOU'LL FOLLOW THE PATH I SET FORTH!
AND YOU'LL NEED A GUIDE!
ROB O' THE HEDGE?!!
WHAT DO I NEED HIM FOR?
HE WASN'T ON THE FLOATING ISLAND LAST TIME I CHECKED!


IF I TOLD YOU, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME!
TRY ME!
WAIT!!
HOW DO I EVEN GET THERE FROM HERE?!!
YOU ALREADY HAVE THE MEANS, KNUCKLES! FAREWELL!
I DO?!
WAITAMINUTE! HE'S RIGHT! I DO!!!!
I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THE GUIDING STAR GEM SINCE I LAST USED IT!
THIS PUPPY IS JUST THE TICKET TO GET ME WHERE I NEED TO GO!
STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN USED TO THE WILD EFFECTS, THOUGH.
THEN AGAIN--
--I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN USED TO A LOT OF THINGS...


ELSEWHERE, ON THE DISTANT ISLAND OF MERCIA, LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN SEAS OF MOBIUS, A NEW DAY DAWNS IN THE FOREST OF DEERWOOD...
AND IN A WOODEN HUT LOCATED AMONG THE TREE TOPS, WE FIND...
IS SOMEWHAT AMISS, MY LOVE?
THOU SEEM PERTURBED!
LIKELY, IT'S NAUGHT, MY FAIR LEMAN!
STILL, WARY OUTLAWS LIVE THE LONGER!
WORRY NOT--
--I'LL RETURN 'ERE IN THE DAY'S EYE SLEEPS!
HO! YONDER WALKS A CAUSE FOR UNEASE!
BUT DO MINE EYES DECEIVE?
CANST POSSIBLY BE THAT BASEST OF BLACKGUARDS--


--THE HIGH-SHERIFF OF SNOTTINGHAM ?!!
BEST I ACT WHILE FOUL FIEND AND HEINOUS HENCHMEN ARE UNREADY!
THWANG!
SUGAH-TWAN!!
THWOK!
BUSHWHACKERS!
GET DOWN, LADEEZ!!!
STAND AND DELIVER, FOUL VARLETS!
WHO--?
VARLETS? US?
ROB!
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME!
REALLY, M'LADY!
I'M ALREADY SPOKEN FOR!
ROB--IT'S ME-- AMY ROSE!!!
YOUR COUSIN? HEL-LO!!
WHAT WITCHERY IS THIS?!
MY FAIR COUSIN IS BUT A MERE LASS!


I KNOW! I KNOW!
I--I WISHED UPON THE RING OF ACORNS--
--AND STUFF HAPPENED--AND I GREW UP!
WHAT HO!
HOLD HARD, PILGRIM!
ART THOU THE VILE DECEIVER WHO 'WITCHED POOR ROSE?
DID WHAT?
WHERE DO YOU GET OFF TREATING US AS IF WE WERE COMMON CRIMINALS?!
YOUR CAST RECALLS YON CASTLE SINISTER, PILGRIM--
--YET YOU LACK ITS EVIL LORD'S METAL PLATE!
HOW DARE YOU?!
I'M A ROYAL GUARDSMAN FROM THE COURT OF KING ACORN!
DARE I DISSEMBLE? YOU MORE THAN RESEMBLE OUR HIGH-SHERIFF!
ROB! IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
TRUST ME!
MUCH AS I CARE TO, CAUTION DETAINS ME!
KNUCKLES?!!!
THEN TAKE IT FROM ME-- ANTOINE'S ON THE LIP-AND-LIP!

FRIEND KNUCKLES! KNOWEST THOU THIS DASTARDLY INTRUDER?
YEAH--AND HE'S DEFINITELY ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS!
SHOAH GLAD YOAH HEAH TO SET THIS SONIC-WANNABE STRAIGHT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY'RE HERE, ROB, BUT THEY ARE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE, INCLUDING YOUR COUSIN, AMY ROSE!
AS FOR THE BOWMAN, ANTOINE, HE'S AS MUCH A STRAIGHT ARROW AS YOU!
WHAT BRINGS THEE TO DARKEN DEERWOOD FOREST?
I CAME HERE IN SEARCH OF MY FATHER!
I CAN RELATE!
SO WHAT WOULD YOUR FATHER AND THE FLOATING ISLAND HAVE IN COMMON--
--UNLESS THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND IN ALBION?
VERILY?
LIES A VISIT IN THE OFFING?
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ONLY A COINCIDENCE WE FIVE HAVE COME TOGETHER HERE!
SO, WHO'S WITH ME--
NEXT:
--ON THE ROAD TO ALBION!